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The primary purpose of this assessment is to analyze Anthony's current psychoemotional functioning and stressors, his family background and dynamics, and identify the potential traumatic effects and

fully devoted to their children, Buddhist Temple, and business. They report no legal, criminal, police, or maladaptive record whatsoever, being lawabiding schemers. They operate in cash-business operations with Colombian customers accused of drug-related money laundering in their Bayside, Queens home by DEA officers on 6/22/07, in the midst of a money laundering investigation. The parents spent two weeks at M.D.C. and face incarceration because of their arrest at their Bayside, Queens home by DEA officers on 6/22/07, in the midst of a money laundering investigation. The parents spent two weeks at M.D.C. and face incarceration because of their arrest at their Bayside, Queens home by DEA officers on 6/22/07, in the midst of a money laundering investigation. The parents spent two weeks at M.D.C. and face incarceration because of their arrest at their Bayside, Queens home by DEA officers on 6/22/07, in the midst of a money laundering investigation. The parents spent two weeks at M.D.C. and face incarceration because of their arrest at their Bayside, Queens home by DEA officers on 6/22/07, in the midst of a money laundering investigation.

Based on their recollections and disclosures, Mr. and Mrs. Duh are Taiwanese-born people who came to the United States in 1985 and 1983 respectively. They own an import-export company and were arrested at their Bayside, Queens home by DEA officers on 6/22/07, in the midst of a money laundering investigation. The parents spent two weeks at M.D.C. and face incarceration because of their arrest at their Bayside, Queens home by DEA officers on 6/22/07, in the midst of a money laundering investigation. The parents spent two weeks at M.D.C. and face incarceration because of their arrest at their Bayside, Queens home by DEA officers on 6/22/07, in the midst of a money laundering investigation. The parents spent two weeks at M.D.C. and face incarceration because of their arrest at their Bayside, Queens home by DEA officers on 6/22/07, in the midst of a money laundering investigation. The parents spent two weeks at M.D.C. and face incarceration because of their arrest at their Bayside, Queens home by DEA officers on 6/22/07, in the midst of a money laundering investigation.

## A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION, INTERVIEWS, & FAMILY DYNAMICS

- Clinical Interview of Patient
- Interview of Parents
- Mental Status Examination
- Family Constellation Test
- House-Tre-Person Test
- Family History and Dynamics
- Beck Anxiety Inventory
- Free Drawing Test
- Posttraumatic Stress Inventory
- Burns Depression Checklist

## ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Comprehensive Psychoemotional and Family Dynamics Evaluation requested by Client.

REASON FOR ASSESSMENT: To evaluate the patient's mental health status and family dynamics, and to provide recommendations for treatment and support services.

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Name: Anthony Duh

## PSYCHOEMOTIONAL ASSESSMENT

### FAMILY DYNAMICS &

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alone, deal with this highly traumatic family situation.

In Boston and she came to New York immediately to help the 15-year-old, who was completely home fine... Your parents will be back tomorrow, they said" - he recalled tearfully. He did contact his sister "anybody" and that, if the parents cooperated with the investigation, "everything was going to be fine... I was confused, I didn't know what to do." Anthony explained that he was told "not to talk to much... I was confused, I didn't know what to do." Anthony explained that he was told "not to talk to arrest instead of "believing they were going to be back home the next day. I trusted these people too relevant misunderstandings reported by emer ged", and "should have done something soon" after their "should have helped them with the translation" when the parents were being interrogated (as some At a deeper emotional level, this sensitive teenager is dealing with a profound sense of guilt because he

be more mature," getting home as early as possible and behaving "extra responsibly."

the Chinese newspaper as criminals, and his family is the talk of the town. Anthony feels the "need to though he feels that "I have to pretend everything is normal," after his parents have been reported at parents." He admitted that the traumatic arrest of his parents, "is always in the back of my mind" even best... I'm still happy they are my parents despite of what happened. They are good people and good Often in tears, Anthony stressed that his parents "always do everything for me. They always do their

all of their activities are closely monitored.

have obviously stopped after the arrest of the parents, as they have to be back at home at 7:30 PM and participate at the Flushing Buddhist Temple, especially with his mother. Most of these activities include swimming, tennis, and piano classes, attend the Boy Scouts of America, and actively unconditionally. With his parents' help, he has been able to do a number of extracurricular activities, loving, caring and committed individuals who have consistently provided for him and supported him fifteen-year-old Anthony is a sensitive, initially reserved teenager who described his parents as

at Bronx High School of Science, where he is a 10th grader.

high academic achievers, Debbie being accepted at Boston University and Anthony being a top student educated, productive, and healthy individuals. They took pride in the fact that their children are explained that their priorities in life have been to make sure that their two children become well-Mr. and Mrs. Duh are two visibly responsive, well-educated bilingual individuals born in Taiwan, who

assess his personality construct and traits, current symptomatology and psychopathological functioning.

psychological measurement inventories and projective tests were administered to Anthony in order to obtain a comprehensive view of their interpersonal and family history and dynamics, and specific individual and integrated interviews with the parents and son were conducted by the underlined to

Boston University, where she studies Economics and began psychotherapy after the above mentioned event.

parents, with whom he lives in Bayside, Queens. His 19-year-old sister (Debbie Duh) is a resident at extreme psychological hardship in the event of a simultaneous or prolonged incarceration of his

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On Mental Status Examination, Anthony gave the impression of being an affectionate, well-educated, mentally alert, sensitive teenager, who was well-oriented in all three spheres (time, place, person). His mood was markedly depressed, yet his attitude was at all times cooperative. He demonstrated well-developed receptive and expressive language skills and a clear and coherent speech. He denied ever suffering from psychiatric or psychopathological disorders, denied suffering hallucinations.

Apart from the serious family stressors associated with the parents eventual incarceration, the parents-son interactions were seen as non-conflictive, emotionally healthy and nurturing. To the extent of my knowledge and based on the clients' recollections, no family member has ever been involved in any other maladaptive, legal, police or criminal issue, nor have they ever experienced problems with the use of alcohol, drugs or illegal substances of any kind.

## B. MENTAL STATUS & INVENTORY RESULTS

After analyzing these painful emotional reactions and disclosures, it became patent that a prolonged separation of Anthony from his parents will produce an extreme emotional hardship for him, and exacerbate his already frail psychomotor functional functioning and combined PTSD and depressive conditions this 15-year-old is suffering from.

In another segment of the clinical interview, Anthony stated that "I'm still very anxious... I'm still young and I'm being kept in the dark about some things", looking at his mother as she started to cry, and in relation to the seriousness of the case and their incarceration. "Maybe because I'm still young, but he ended somberly, while Mr. and Mrs. Duh were also crying. "I'm afraid, but I need to be more mature" - asserted tearfully, - "I want to work extra-hard to make sure I continue with my life" - he finally events and the uncertainties about his and his parents' future.

During the 6/22/07 arrest and afterwards, Anthony reports experiencing feelings of fearfulness, hypervigilance, impotence, and anxiety, all clinically associated with a posttraumatic stress condition. The Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) involves a number of distinctive somatic, emotional and psychological symptoms which often emerge after exposure to traumatic incidents, constitutes actual or threatened death or serious injury, or other threat to the person's physical integrity or to others. The characteristic symptoms resulting from these exposures often include avoidance of stimuli associated with the episode, numbing of general responsiveness, persistent reexperience of the traumatic event, and persistent symptoms of increased arousal.

He remembers holding a stick in his hands for protection, and Mr. Duh indicated, also in tears, that his son still goes to bed with a stick.

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- having the fear of the worst happening
- muscle tension, headaches, loss of appetite
- inner tension feelings, feeling worthless
- having lost motivation and interest in life
- feeling sad and worried all the time
- anxiety, distractibility, worrysome
- inability to relax, nervousness
- feeling shaky, unsteady
- sleeping difficulties, drowsiness
- fearing frightened about the future
- fearing angry (of circumstances)
- self-criticism, discouragement

including the following:

Anthony's total scores were of 19 (BAI) and of 21 (BDI), both pertaining to the moderate-severe range of classification. Results reveal elevated anxious-depressive feelings and somatic symptoms of stress,

The Buros Depression Checklist is a 15-item instrument designed to measure the severity of depression in adults and adolescents. The BDC was developed to primarily assess symptoms of depression and it is scored by summing the ratings given by the examinee for each of the 15 items. Each item is rated on a 4-point scale ranging from 0 to 3. The maximum total score is 45. As in the BAI, the BDC total score ranges are recommended for interpreting the intensity of self-reported depression.

The Beck Anxiety Inventory Checklist is a 21-item instrument designed to measure the severity of anxiety. The BAI total score ranges, which correspond to those of the revised BDI (Beck & Steer, 1987), are recommended for interpreting the intensity of self-reported anxiety. Total scores from 0 to 9 points are considered to reflect a normal level of anxiety; scores of 10-18 indicate mild-moderate anxiety; scores of 19-29 reflect moderate-severe anxiety; and scores of 30-63 indicate severe anxiety.

Anthony's intellectual productivity (BAI; Beck, Epstein, Brown, & Steer, 1988) is a 21-item scale that measures the severity of anxiety in adults and adolescents. Aaron T. Beck and his associates at the Center for Cognitive Therapy, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, developed the BAI to assess symptoms of anxiety. The BAI total score is the sum of the ratings given by the examinee for the 21 symptoms. Each symptom is rated on a 4-point scale ranging from 0 to 3. The maximum score is 63. The BAI total score corresponds to those of the revised BDI (Beck & Steer, 1987), are recommended for interpreting the intensity of self-reported anxiety. Total scores from 0 to 9 points are considered to reflect a normal level of anxiety; scores of 10-18 indicate mild-moderate anxiety; scores of 19-29 reflect moderate-severe anxiety; and scores of 30-63 indicate severe anxiety.

Anthony's educational productivity was normal and his intelligence, as per interview, was judged to fall within high average ranges of intellectual classification. His thoughts, although markedly somber and subjective, appeared well defined and well organized. Memory and cognitive functions, judgment and insight, appeared intact and unremarkably normal, but his self-perception and self-worth were select from among 21 and 15 typical symptoms associated with anxiety and depression respectively.

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well as appropriate differentiation for age, gender, and emotional relevance, among other measures. His spontaneous depictions show all family figures in a positive emotional tone and relatedness, as him having a good sense of familial parity, fitness, good communication and appropriate boundaries, in which parents, son and daughter shared the same "floor" or emotional stratum, this interpreted as Anthony's Family Constellation Test revealed an emotionally close, well-bonded family atmosphere.

The analysis of Anthony's performance on the Projective Drawing Test, Family Constellation Test, Free Drawing Test, three universality used psychometric instruments to evaluate personality functioning, stressors, and construct from a projective-sympathetic, non-verbal approach confirmed that this 15-year-old is undergoing a clinically significant condition of major emotional distress, posing clear patterns of anxiety, massive mental worries, hyperactivity, inner tension, personhood function, stressors, and construct from a projective-sympathetic, non-verbal approach.

### C. PROJECTIVE TESTS RESULTS

- repeated unpleasant thoughts that won't leave his mind
- feeling guilty that maybe he did not protect himself
- thinking about the event when you don't want to
- emotional ups and downs, on the verge of tears
- worrying about what he should have done
- having strong feelings about the event
- feeling anxious and depressed
- having more fears than usual
- having sleep disturbances
- inability to concentrate

On his performance on the Post-Traumatic Stress Inventory, Anthony scored within elevated ranges of classification, as he selected 14 of the 17 symptoms and emotional variations commonly linked to post-traumatic stress or related conflictive experiences, including:

The Post-Traumatic Stress Inventory (PTSI) consists of a list of 17 somatic, emotional and psychological symptoms which often emerge after exposure to traumatic incidents, conflictive experiences or accidents of some magnitude, where the person in question undergoes an event that involves actual or threatened death or serious injury, or other threat to the person's physical integrity or to others. The characteristic symptoms resulting from these exposures often include avoidance of stimuli associated with the episode, persistent reexperience of the traumatic event, numbing of general responsiveness, and persistent symptoms of increased arousal.

- having the fear of dying
- abdominal pain, GI and digestive problems

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Because the chances of facing extreme psychopathology, economic and familial hardship and of him loved one, etcetera.

changes in lifestyle, unusual economic or emotional hardship, the death or sudden separation from a exposure to traumatizing events, especially during childhood and adolescence, and including radical conduct and/or Adjustment Disorders, and even of Schizoaffective Disorders stemming from one's clinical evidence about the emergence of major mood disturbances (i.e., Major Depressive Disorder), emotional instability, fragility and personal insecurity. On this point, there is abundant research and aggregation in the case of Anthony by the fact that the early and tenaged years are, per se, ones of emotional instability, fragility and personal insecurity. This situation has obviously created major psychological consequences for all family members, yet

emotional needs.

extremely hard scenario of him being practically alone to take care of his academic, material, and seriously affected by the perspective of a traumatic incarceration of his parents, as it would imply an mainly, the perspective of their incarceration. Anthony's psychopathological functioning is being Adjustment Disorders triggered by the unexpected arrest of his parents and its serious aftermath, school student, has developed clinically significant Posttraumatic Stress and Anxious-Depressive syndrome. Anthony Duu, a visibly worried, despondent, and frightened 15-year-old Chinese-American high

#### D. SUMMARY & DIAGNOSTIC IMPRESSION

whose emotional balance has been seriously affected.

abstract, rather complicated design on the Free Drawing Test, is symptomatic of a bright young man free was "saturated" with graphic indicators of mental worries and intrusive thoughts. Moreover, his reflecting this teenager's elevated emotionality regarding his home dynamics, and the top of the His home was "adorned" with repetitive crossed lines, angularizations, shades and overdrawing, all

young life.

as of having "ten years old", possibly relating to a much more pleasant, less traumatic stage of his being "ready" and "mature" to cope with a potentially disastrous family scenario, he depicts himself suggesting that Anthony is having a conflicted self-image and self-worth, and even though he talks about highly symptomatic note, a self-depiction that was attempted twice (one ending up being scratched) detailing and spatial integration, demonstrating solid attentional and graphic motor skills. On a house bigger than tree, tree bigger than person), as well as a developmentally sound level of graphic On the House-Tree-Person Test, Anthony were able to maintain the relative proportion of elements and role model.

important reference of the home for this 15-year-old, and the most significant gender-identification men. Anthony's spatial proximity to his father reveals that Mr. Duu is undoubtedly the most

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Source: ACS Fatherhood Initiative/ Administration for Children & Families, 2005 Study.

- In addition, in terms of potentiality for teenage pregnancy, parentless daughters are 33% more likely to marry a teenager, 164% more likely to have a premarital birth, 92% more likely to dissolve their own marriage, and 71% of teenage pregnancies are to children of single parents.
- 71% of teenagers experience
- 63% of youth suicides,
- 75% of all adolescent chemical abusers,
- 71% of all high school dropouts,
- 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from parentless homes, as well as:

- \* It is relevant to indicate that the presence of functional parents plays a fundamental role in the life of a child, not only because parents are the primary figures in the family structure, but also because recent psychological research studies on the consequences of parentless homes demonstrate that:

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Yours truly,

Please do not hesitate to contact me should further information about this young patient be needed.

Anthony Duh met the clinical criteria for the following DSM-IV diagnoses:

Axes I: At onset: 309.28, Adjustment Disorder with Mixed Anxiety and Depressed Mood.

Axes II: V71.09, None. Feelings of guilt, inappropriate stress, and low self-esteem.

Axes III: Reported by patient: Stress-related appetite, concentration, and sleep problems.

Axes IV: Psychosocial stressors: Severe: Problems related to the interaction with the legal system as a dementia patient (for parents). Perspective of a traumatic parental incarceration with radical changes in lifestyle and loss of daily parental supervision and support.

Axes V: GAF 50, Serious symptoms.

interviewing Federal authorities to rule compassionately on their sentencing in order to avoid a devastating emotional impact upon Anthony and his already frail psychoneurological condition.

and Mrs. Duh should be avoided as much as it be legally possible. Consequently, I humbly ask the developing further psychological problems are elevated for Anthony Duh, the incarceration of Mr.

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